

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A beverage comprising the following ingredients (a), (b) and (c):

(a) 0.05 to 10 % by weight of a chlorogenic acids family mixture comprising isochlorogenic acids wherein the weight ratio of said isochlorogenic acids is from 1/20 to 1/3 of the chlorogenic acids mixture;

(b) a hydroxycarboxylic acid in a quantity ranging (1) from 5 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a) and (2) from 0.25 to 15 % by weight of the beverage, and a vegetable-derived flavor substance in a quantity ranging (1) from 0.1 to 30 times the weight of said ingredient (a) and (2) from 0.25 to 15 % by weight of the beverage; and

(c) 30 to 99.7 % by weight of water.

2. (Original) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage has a pH ranging from 2 to 5.

3. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage has a sugar content ranging from 0.01 to 20 in Brix.

4. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein said ingredient (a) is a plant extract.

5. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein said ingredient (a) is a raw coffee bean extract.

6. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is packed in a container.

7. (Previously Presented) A beverage comprising the following ingredients (a), (b) and (c):

(a) 0.05 to 10 % by weight of a chlorogenic acids family mixture comprising isochlorogenic acids wherein the weight ratio of said isochlorogenic acids is from 1/20 to 1/3 of the chlorogenic acids mixture;

(b) a hydroxycarboxylic acid in a quantity ranging (1) from 5 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a) and (2) from 0.25 to 15 % by weight of the beverage, and a fruit-derived flavor substance in a quantity ranging (1) from 0.1 to 30 times the weight of said ingredient (a) and (2) from 0.25 to 15 % by weight of the beverage; and

(c) 30 to 99.7 % by weight of water.

8. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein the beverage has a pH ranging from 2 to 5.

9. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein the beverage has a sugar content ranging from 0.01 to 20 in Brix.

10. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein said ingredient (a) is a plant extract.

11. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein said ingredient (a) is a raw coffee bean extract.

12. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein the beverage is packed in a container.

13. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein said chlorogenic acids family mixture comprises isochlorogenic acids, neochlorogenic acids, and cryptochlorogenic acids, and/or salts and/or sugar esters thereof

14. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 13, wherein said chlorogenic acids family contains 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

15. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 13, wherein said cryptochlorogenic acid is a 4-caffeoylquinic acid.

16. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 13, wherein said neochlorogenic acid is a 3-caffeoylquinic acid.

17. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 13, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is a dicaffeoylquinic acid in which two caffeic acid molecules are ester-bonded to any two hydroxyl groups out of three hydroxy groups positioned at 3, 4 and 5 of the quinic acid.

18. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 17, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid and 4,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

19. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein said chlorogenic acids family mixture comprises isochlorogenic acids, neochlorogenic acids, and cryptochlorogenic acids, and/or salts and/or sugar esters thereof

20. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 19, wherein said chlorogenic acids family contains 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

21. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 19, wherein said cryptochlorogenic acid is a 4-caffeoylquinic acid.

22. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 19, wherein said neochlorogenic acid is a 3-caffeoylquinic acid.

23. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 19, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is a dicaffeoylquinic acid in which two caffeic acid molecules are ester-bonded to any two hydroxyl groups out of three hydroxy groups positioned at 3, 4 and 5 of the quinic acid.

24. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 23, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid and 4,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

25. (Previously Presented) A beverage comprising the following ingredients (a), (b) and (c):

(a) 0.05 to 10 % by weight of a chlorogenic acids family mixture comprising isochlorogenic acids wherein the weight ratio of said isochlorogenic acids is from 1/20 to 1/3 of the chlorogenic acids mixture;

(b) a hydroxycarboxylic acid in a quantity ranging (1) from 5 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a) and (2) from 0.25 to 15 % by weight of the beverage; and

(c) 30 to 99.7 % by weight of water.

26. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein the beverage has a pH ranging from 2 to 5.

27. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein the beverage has a sugar content ranging from 0.01 to 20 in Brix.

28. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein said ingredient (a) is a plant extract.

29. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein said ingredient (a) is a raw coffee bean extract.

30. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein the beverage is packed in a container.

31. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein said chlorogenic acids family mixture comprises isochlorogenic acids, neochlorogenic acids, and cryptochlorogenic acids, and/or salts and/or sugar esters thereof

32. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 31, wherein said chlorogenic acids family contains 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

33. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 31, wherein said cryptochlorogenic acid is a 4-caffeoylquinic acid.

34. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 31, wherein said neochlorogenic acid is a 3-caffeoylquinic acid.

35. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 31, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is a dicaffeoylquinic acid in which two caffeic acid molecules are ester-bonded to any two hydroxyl groups out of three hydroxy groups positioned at 3, 4 and 5 of the quinic acid.

36. (Previously Presented) The beverage according to claim 35, wherein said isochlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid and 4,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

37. (New) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 5.7 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).

38. (New) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 5.7 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).

39. (New) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 5.7 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).

40. (New) The beverage according to claim 1, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 8.71 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).

41. (New) The beverage according to claim 7, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 8.71 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).

42. (New) The beverage according to claim 25, wherein said a hydroxycarboxylic (b) acid is in a quantity ranging from 8.71 to 15 times the weight content of said ingredient (a).